



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please enter the following amendments without prejudice or disclaimer.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of delaying development of a symptom of papillomavirus infection in a mammal who has been exposed to papillomavirus, comprising administering a composition comprising a polynucleotide comprising an immunostimulatory sequence (ISS) to said mammal, wherein the ISS comprises the sequence 5'-C, G, pyrimidine, pyrimidine, C, G-3', wherein the mammal is a human, wherein a papillomavirus antigen is not administered in conjunction with administration of said composition, and wherein said composition is administered in an amount sufficient to delay development of a symptom of papillomavirus infection.

Claim 2 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the ISS comprises the sequence 5'-purine, purine, C, G, pyrimidine, pyrimidine, C, G-3'.

Claim 3 (Original): The method of claim 2, wherein the ISS comprises a sequence selected from the group consisting of 5'-AACGTTTCG-3', and 5'-GACGTTTCG-3'.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the ISS comprises the sequence 5'-TGACTGTGAACGTTTCGAGATGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:1).

Claim 5 (Canceled)

Claim 6 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein administration is at the site of exposure.

Claims 7-8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A method of reducing severity of a symptom of papillomavirus infection in a mammal infected with papillomavirus, comprising administering a composition comprising a polynucleotide comprising an immunostimulatory sequence (ISS) to said mammal, wherein the ISS comprises the sequence 5'-C, G, pyrimidine, pyrimidine, C, G-3', wherein the mammal is a human, wherein a papillomavirus antigen is not administered in conjunction with administration of said composition, and wherein said composition is administered in an amount sufficient to reduce severity of a symptom of papillomavirus infection.

Claim 10 (Original): The method of claim 9, wherein the ISS comprises the sequence 5'-purine, purine, C, G, pyrimidine, pyrimidine, C, G-3'.

Claim 11 (Original): The method of claim 10, wherein the ISS comprises a sequence selected from the group consisting of 5'-AACGTTTCG-3' and 5'-GACGTTTCG-3'.

Claim 12 (Original): The method of claim 9, wherein the ISS comprises the sequence 5'-TGACTGTGAACGTTTCGAGATGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:1).

Claim 13 (Canceled)

Claim 14 (Original): The method of claim 9, wherein administration is at a site of infection.

Claims 15-22 (Canceled)

Claim 23 (New): The method of claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide comprises a phosphate backbone modification.

Claim 24. (New): The method of claim 23, wherein the phosphate backbone modification is a phosphorothioate.

Claim 25 (New): The method of claim 9, wherein the polynucleotide comprises a phosphate backbone modification.

Claim 26. (New): The method of claim 25, wherein the phosphate backbone modification is a phosphorothioate.